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1. The Hyilas (Arrow-Cross) Party, representing the Nazi-Fascist element of Hungary, was forced to dissolve at the end of World War II, and those of its members who managed to flee scattered throughout Western Europe. Since that time Arrow-Cross members have tended to regroup around the most prominent party officials in their regions and to adopt the attitudes of these leaders. The current arrangement is consequently characterized by fanaticism among the lower ranks and by factionalism and competition among the leaders, although a majority of the latter still adhere to the basic philosophy of Hungarian fascism set forth by Ferenc SZALASI in his book, Ut es Cel (Road and Aim). Among the various competing factions are the following:

The Arpad HENNEI Faction, the Hungarista Group:

2. HENNEI was a personal friend of SZALASI and a career soldier with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel during the regime of Admiral Miklos HORTHY. He retired from the Army in 1938 so that he might devote his full time to SZALASI's political organization, the Arrow-Cross. When SZALASI seized power and became premier in 1944, HENNEI's loyalty earned him the rank of Lieutenant General and a post as a Cabinet Minister. Because HENNEI is the only surviving member of the SZALASI Cabinet, he claims to be the rightful "Fuehrer" of Hungary.

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4. HENNET is convinced that a social order based on the principles of SZALASTI will inevitably be accepted by the Western powers. He believes these powers sooner or later will seek his cooperation, and thus he has made no move to build up foreign contacts. If and when he is approached by the Western governments, HENNET plans to demand assurances that in due time he will be recognized as the legal head of Hungary.

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5. The "official" periodical of the Hungarista movement is Ut es Cel published in Graz by Farkas SRETER. SRETER is believed to disapprove of HENNEI's leadership but feels honor-bound to support him. The HENNEI faction finances its activities through voluntary contributions from its members. Its activities are limited to occasional meetings and publication of Ut es Cel.

The Ede TALLOS Faction:

6. Ede TALLOS, a former high school teacher and painter, was the first to revolt against HENNEI's leadership. TALLOS' small group consists of ten to fifteen intellectuals who settled in the Braunau region of Upper Austria at the end of World War II.

The Lajos NAGY Faction:

7. Lajos NAGY, a former Gendarmerie sergeant and now a resident of Voecklabruck, Upper Austria, broke away from HENNEI because of the latter's complete disregard of NAGY's warnings to prepare for a war between the East and West which NAGY anticipated would begin in 1949. Friction also developed between the two men when HENNEI refused to approve NAGY's own Arrow-Cross publication, Kitartás (Perseverance). NAGY's followers advocate collaboration with General Andras ZAKO's MHBK (League of Hungarian Veterans), but the HENNEI faction is opposed to cooperation with the MHBK unless HENNEI is recognized as its leader.

The KORODI Faction

8. [redacted] (fmu) KORODI [redacted] claims to be the leader of the Arrow-Cross in that country. His opposition to HENNEI stems from personal dislike and disapproval of HENNEI's policies.

Faction Composed of Former Arrow-Cross Youth Leaders:

9. A Munich group led by Istvan ZSAKO, Andras KOVACS, Zsolt THOMA, and Istvan JAKLI is composed of students who, under the influence of Janos OELVEDY, broke away from the Arrow-Cross Party. This group collaborates with Geza SOOS of the Magyar Kozossege (Hungarian Community), and receives support from the Pax Romana, the World Student Relief, and the YMCA, for which ZSAKO is employed as a field worker. Until a short time ago the group published a periodical, Ifju Nemzedek (Young Generation). It also plays a prominent role in the Association of Hungarian Students, although only twenty of the approximately 300 members of this association belong to the ZSAKO faction of the Arrow-Cross.

Geza ALFOELDY or "Hidveroek" Faction:

10. Geza ALFOELDY [redacted] lives in [redacted] Kreis Ketzting, Germany. He is a journalist by profession, and was State Secretary of Propaganda during the SZALASI regime. He regards himself as the spiritual trustee of SZALASI's principles and attempts to propagate them through his publication Hidveroek (The Bridge Builders). ALFOELDY is the sole survivor of the committee which headed the Orszagsepitok (Builders of the Country), a group formed by SZALASI to organize Hungarian intellectual life along fascist lines.

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11. ALFOELDY's group is poorly organized and consists principally of subscribers to Hidversek. This periodical is published semi-monthly in 1,500 copies despite the fact that there are only 250 permanent subscribers. It is subsidized by donations from two former editors, Miklos TABORI, now in Brazil, and Ferenc MARKAS, now in the United States, but even with this aid, the printing debt alone has reached 3,000 Deutschmarks.

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12. ALFOELDY is now attempting to enlist the aid of, and is willing to cooperate with, all anti-Soviet Hungarians regardless of political affiliation. In the event of Hungary's liberation, ALFOELDY assumes he will take over the Hungarian radio. He has written lecture material for partisan warfare, with detailed plans for the effective sabotage of postal, radio and railroad systems--yet in such a manner that they might be restored to service quickly without major investments.

13. ALFOELDY's main supporter in Germany is Janos SZEKELY.

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SZEKELY fled to Germany in 1938 during the brief period when the Horthy regime persecuted Arrow-Cross members. After SZALASI's seizure of power in 1944, SZEKELY became his unofficial envoy to Germany and was in charge of liaison between the Arrow-Cross and NSDAP leadership. He is a weaver at present, but hopes to give up this work for a political career and is planning to establish contact with former Arrow-Cross members in Hungary and Yugoslavia through the personnel of Yugoslav barges docking at Regensburg. As yet he has done no more than make plans.

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